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SUBJ: PREVIOUS SC ACTION RE CHANGES IN UNTSO

1. IN DETERMINING US POSITION IN CURRENT SC CONSULTATIONS ON UNTSO CHIEF OF STAFF AND UNEF AUGMENTATION, THE DEPT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER PAST SC PRACTICES IN ADDING OBSERVERS TO UNTSO.

2. TWICE IN PAST TWO YEARS UN OBSERVERS HAVE BEEN INCREASED ALONG LEBANON-ISRAEL BORDER. IN NEITHER INSTANCE DID COUNCIL MEET, BUT SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT PROCEDURES WERE FOLLOWED IN EACH CASE.

A. IN MARCH 1972, SCENARIO WAS AS FOLLOWS: LEBANON REQUESTED SC TO INCREASE NUMBER OF OBSERVERS, SC PRES CONSULTED WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS AND SYG, AND STATEMENT OF CONSENSUS WAS ISSUED AGREEING TO INCREASE. TEXT OF CONSENSUS STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

"THE PRES OF THE SC HAS HELD CONSULTATIONS WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL FOLLOWING THE REQUEST OF THE PERM REPS OF LEBANON THAT THE SC TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO STATION ADDITIONAL UN OBSERVERS IN THE ISRAEL-LEBANON SECTOR, AS CONVEYED TO THE PRES OF THE COUNCIL AND CONTAINED IN ANNEX 1 OF HIS MEMORANDUM OF 31 MARCH 1972 TO THE SYG, AND IN PARA 1 OF THE ANNEXED MEMORANDUM DATED 4 APRIL 1972 FROM THE SYG TO THE PRES OF
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THE SC. THE PRES OF THE SC ALSO INFORMED AND CONSULTED THE SYG.

EXCEPTIONALLY, A FORMAL MEETING OF THE SC WAS NOT CONSIDERED NECESSARY IN THIS INSTANCE.

"IN THE COURSE OF THESE CONSULTATIONS, THE MEMBERS OF THE SC REACHED WITHOUT OBJECTION A CONSENSUS OF THE ACTION TO BE TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST OF THE LEBANESE GOVT AND INVITED THE SYG TO PROCEED IN THE MANNER OUTLINED IN HIS ABOVE-MENTIONED MEMORANDUM. THEY FURTHER INVITED THE SYG TO CONSULT WITH THE LEBANESE AUTHORITIES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS.

"THEY ALSO INVITED THE SYG TO REPORT PERIODICALLY TO THE SC AND IN DOING SO TO GIVE HIS VIEWS ON THE NEED FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF THE ABOVE MEASURES AND ON THEIR SCALE."

B. SECOND INCREASE, FOR ADDITIONAL FINNISH OBSERVERS AND FIELD SERVICE OFFICERS, STEMED FROM A REQUEST FROM THE UNTSO COS, GENERAL SIILASVUO, SYG ENDORSED SIILASVUO'S RECOMMENDATION IN A REPORT TO SC (S/10824 AND ADDS--POUCHED UNDP) AND STATED HE INTENDED TO CARRY OUT INCREASE BY SET DATE. AMB. MALIK OBJECTED TO THEN SC PRES BOYD THAT SYG'S PROPOSAL WAS PROCEDURALLY IMPROPER AND THAT COUNCIL MUST CONSULT. BOYD ULTIMATELY RESOVED PROBLEM THROUGH INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS AND CONVEYED COUNCIL'S AGREEMENT IN LETTER TO SYG, TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS:

" WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR REPORT CONCERNING THE INCREASE OF UN PERSONNEL IN THE ISRAEL-LEBANON SECTOR (S/10824/ADD.1), I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT I HAVE HELD CONSULTATIONS WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE SC ON THE MATTER RAISED IN YOUR REPORT.

"THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, REFERRING TO THEIR CONSENSUS OF 19 APRIL 1972 (S/10611), HAVE NO OBJECTION TO YOUR PUTTING INTO EFFECT GENERAL SIILASVUO'S RECOMMENDATIONS AS SET FORTH IN DOCUMENT S/10824/ADD.1.

"I PRESUME YOU WOULD AGREE WITH ME TO HAVE THIS LETTER CIRCULATED AS A SECURITY COUNCIL DOCUMENT."

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